

Agenda Item: 13-10B

Meeting Date: October 13 and 14, 2004

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL
BOARD THAT THEY PROCEED WITH ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES FOR THE
PROPOSITION 50 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

Summary: The Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board have conducted two public meetings and received comments on the draft guidelines for this grant program. Staff are revising the guidelines in response to comments, and the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Water Resources are scheduled to adopt the final guidelines in November 2004.

Recommended Action: The California Bay-Delta Authority adopt Resolution 04-10-01 recommending that the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board proceed with adoption of the guidelines.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) are jointly implementing the Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program. The draft guidelines for the IRWM Grant Program are posted on the DWR and SWRCB websites at:

DWR: <http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/integregio.cfm>

SWRCB: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/irwmgp/index.html>

Background

Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, was passed by California voters in November 2002. Chapter 8 of Proposition 50 (Water Code, Section 79560 *et seq.*) authorizes the Legislature to appropriate funding for IRWM projects. Additionally AB 1747 (Chapter 240 Statutes of 2003) provided further guidance for this program. The intent of the IRWM Grant Program is to encourage integrated regional water management and to provide funding, via competitive grants, for projects to protect communities from drought, protect and improve water quality, and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water. Approximately \$380 million is available for IRWM grants.

As specified in Proposition 50, any project that assists in meeting one or more of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program goals shall be consistent with the CALFED Programmatic Record of Decision, and shall be implemented, to the maximum extent possible, through local and regional programs.

DWR and SWRCB conducted extensive public outreach to support the development of IRWM Grant Program guidelines. The public input on development of the guidelines was provided in the following venues:

- Legislative workshops conducted in the Spring of 2003;
- Meetings of the Economics and Funding Workgroup of the California Watershed Council in late 2003 and early 2004;
- Presentation to the California Bay-Delta Authority in February 2004;
- Two public scoping meetings (1 mandated by CWC § 79560.5);
 - March 24, 2004 – Sacramento
 - March 25, 2004 – Santa Clarita
- Two public meetings on the draft guidelines (2 mandated by CWC § 79505.6(a)(2));
 - August 31, 2004 – Ontario
 - September 9, 2004 - Sacramento
- Presentation to California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee in September 2004.

The draft guidelines contain the standards for an IRWM Plan, including a listing of minimum plan standards, and criteria for Planning Grants and Implementation Grants programs. Funding for IRWM Grant Program is anticipated to be:

- First Funding Cycle – Approximately \$160 million
- Second Funding Cycle – Approximately \$220 million

The Planning Grants are intended to foster development or completion of IRWM Plans and Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plans, to enhance regional planning efforts, and to assist more applicants to become eligible for Implementation Grant funding. The draft guidelines specify that the maximum award for Planning Grants is \$500,000, with a minimum local match of 50 percent of the total project costs.

The Implementation Grant program provides funding for project types that are specified in CWC § 79561 and are consistent with an adopted IRWM Plan. The draft guidelines specify that the maximum award for Implementation Grants is \$50 million with a minimum local match of 10 percent of the total project costs.

The public comment period on the guidelines will conclude on September 30, 2004. DWR and the SWRCB are revising the draft guidelines in response to the public comments. A presentation and written summary of the revisions to the draft guidelines will be available at the Authority's October meeting.

The grant program timeframes are shown on Attachment 1.

Fiscal Information

Funding Source: Proposition 50, Chapter 8
Total Amount: Approximately \$380 million is available for IRWM grants

List of Attachments

Attachment 1 - Grant Program Timeframes
Resolution 04-10-01

Contact

Tracie Billington
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
Department of Water Resources

Phone: (916) 651-9226

GRANT PROGRAM TIMEFRAMES

The timeframes listed below are tentative and may be modified as necessary.

Receive public comments on draft guidelines	September 30, 2004
DWR and SWRCB finalize IRWM Grant Program Guidelines	<i>November 2004</i>

PLANNING GRANTS

Proposal for planning grant due	<i>February 2005</i>
Planning Grant awards	<i>July 2005</i>
Execute planning grant contracts	<i>September 2005</i>

IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

Step 1 proposals for implementation grants due	<i>March 2005</i>
Announce sections for Step 2 PSP	<i>June 2005</i>
Step 2 proposals for implementation grants due	<i>September 2005</i>
Implementation Grant awards	<i>December 2005</i>
Execute implementation grant contracts	<i>June 2006</i>

**CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION 04-10-01****RECOMMENDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
AND STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD THAT
THEY PROCEED WITH ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES FOR THE PROPOSITION 50
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the California Bay-Delta Authority is statutorily authorized to conduct oversight and coordination related to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program; and

WHEREAS, the CALFED Programmatic Record of Decision (ROD) recognized the importance of regional planning, as well as regional and integrated approaches to meeting the objectives of the ROD, and Proposition 50 requires projects that fulfill goals of the CALFED Program to be consistent with the ROD; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 79560 *et seq.* (Chapter 8 of Proposition 50) authorizes the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board to award grants for Integrated Regional Water Management projects and the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board have complied with the public involvement requirements, specified in California Water Code Section 79505.6(a)(2) and 79560.5, for developing the grant program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2004, the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board presented an update on the Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Guidelines to the California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the public comment period on the draft guidelines concluded on September 30, 2004, and appropriate revisions were made in response to those public comments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Bay-Delta Authority recommends that the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board proceed with adoption of the Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Guidelines.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Assistant to the California Bay-Delta Authority does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Bay-Delta Authority held on October 13 and 14, 2004.

Dated: _____

Heidi Rooks
Assistant to the California Bay-Delta Authority